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WSC JUNIORS IN ON HEROIC CAPTURE



OUR HEROES — Juniors Mike Mulcahy (R) and Arthur "Pinky" Longwell were all smiles after they had subdued an armed gunman. Perhaps the smile came from the fact President Sullivan gave the students the day off, thus allowing them an extra-day to prepare for mid-year exams.

by RONALD SCHOFIELD

and

MICHAEL MULCAHY

of the Acorn Staff

Tuesday, January 23, proved to be an uneventful day for 998 Worcester State College students. Tuesday, January 23, proved to be an eventful day for 2 Worcester State College students.

These two students were juniors Michael Mulcahy and Arthur "Pinky" Longwell. The day proved to be eventful for them because they not only saw a man level a shotgun at a woman and fire it, but they saw the same man turn around and level the same shotgun at them—and it was loaded.

To begin with, Longwell arrived at Mulcahy's house at 3 Genesee Street. From there they were going to WSC for their mid-year exams at nine o'clock. They left Mulcahy's house and walked to where Genesee St. meets Heard St. They crossed Heard St. and began to walk toward Stafford St. Inasmuch as Mulcahy is a member of the Acorn Staff, we have asked him to give us an eye-witness account of what transpired.

We saw the car pull up and thought the man was offering the woman a ride. The next thing we knew, she was running by us shouting: "Help me, he's (sic) got a gun!" Sure enough, he ran by us with a semi-automatic 12-gauge shotgun. Right away "Pinky" said: "Come on, Mike. Let's get him." We chased

him about 40 yards until he stopped at the end of the Heard Street bridge, and fired. As he turned towards us, "Pinky" smashed into him, pinning him against the bridge abutment. I grabbed the gun, but could not take it away from him. I hit him in the eye (with a right) and pulled the gun away. "Pink" took a swing at him, but he broke away and started running down towards Stafford St. "Pink" chased him for about 50 yards, and I yelled tackle him. Sure enough, "Pink", on a flying tackle, knocked him to the ground—putting him out of commission. I could not help the woman, so I ran down to watch the man while "Pinky" called the police.

Meanwhile, a truck driver was coming down the hill and saw me with the gun. He also noticed the two people on the ground. He took off fast; must have thought I did the shooting and wasn't finished.

Two ambulances came right away with about five cruisers behind them. By this time most of my math papers had blown away.

Thus we have Mulcahy's eye witness account to the shooting. When asked what he thought about when he and Longwell rushed the man with the loaded gun, Mulcahy replied: "I didn't have time to think."

Both Mulcahy and Longwell are graduates of Worcester South High School and were basketball stars at that school. Longwell is
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LIBERAL ARTS BRINGS WSC

by PAULINE McKEON
of the Acorn Staff

Worcester State College has welcomed Spanish as the first course to come under the new liberal arts program. Because of Spanish, WSC has been fortunate to have added Miss Katharine M. Shea to its faculty.

Miss Shea received most of her education in her native city of Springfield, Mass. She received her A.B. in Spanish from the College of Our Lady of the Elms (Spanish Dept.),

her M.Ed. from Bridgewater State College, and her M.A. in Spanish from Smith College. Miss Shea also attended the University of Madrid during the summer of 1958.

As a teacher, Miss Shea has taught in the elementary schools of Springfield and Chicopee and in the Adult Education Program of Springfield's School System. She has been a member of the faculty of the College of Our Lady of the Elms (Spanish Dept.),

MISS SHEA

and she has also worked in the export department of several industrial firms in the Springfield area as a translator of foreign correspondence.

Travel is an important outside interest of Miss Shea's. During her trip to Europe to attend the University of Madrid, she visited parts of Spain and Portugal and also had the great opportunity to see the World Fair at Brussels. She has taken a cruise
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Top Sculptor

Here Today

The WSC student body is reminded that today at 11:00 a.m. the Lancerland stage will be occupied by one of America's leading sculptors. Mr. Allison Macomber will perform and lecture to the WSC student body. Any member of the college may attend, but please be prompt. Attendance will be taken.

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Juniors Accept Challenge

by JOAN TETRAULT
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Junior class news would have been easy to write. Easy, that is, if I had been able to find any Juniors. As it was, the deadline for this issue was Jan. 23. You know what that meant . . . that fateful week. Undaunted, I donned my 'specs' and set out on a search. Juniors were to be found in the oddest places—hidden in corners of empty classrooms, crouched behind a pile of books in the library, pounding typewriters in the rear of the lab, engaged in deadly discussions in corners of the smokers. And always the inevitable notebook was clutched in one hand and glasses were polished to a shine.

One question—why do all the colds, sore throats, ear aches, and

tooth aches wait until the week of exams to strike unsuspecting students?

I understand that there are certain choice words that are not to be mentioned within hearing or throwing distance of Jr. Elementaries: motivation, individual differences, the "whole child," goal, objective, procedure, and UNIT.

Among those Junior girls who recently marked the first month of wearing diamonds are Emilia Borci, June Abodeely, Laurie Gravel, Betty Johnson, and Barbara Truelson.

"The Junior Class has been redeemed." That's the world. For the inside details check with Mike M. and Arthur L.

Sign-up sheets for the approaching Winter Carnival filled

FEBRUARY DATES TO CIRCLE

- 1—WSC Lancers vs. Willimantic, Conn. (home)
- 2—Assembly speaker, sculptor Allison Macomber
- 6—WSC Lancers vs. Fitchburg State (away)
- 8—WSC Lancers vs. Salem State (away)
- 9—Newman Club Dance, Ted Herbert's orchestra at Mt. Carmel
- 12—WSC Lancers vs. Lowell State (home)
- 13 - 16—Winter Carnival skits by each class
- 15—WSC Lancers vs. Boston State (home)
- 16—Winter recess begins
- 16 - 18—Winter Carnival Weekend
- 19—WSC Lancers vs. Westfield State (away)
- 21—WSC Lancers vs. Nichols College (away)
- 23—Newman Club Dance, Lester Lanin's orchestra at the auditorium.
- 26—Classes resume at 9:00 A.M.

up fast. The Juniors certainly can be counted on to give full support and make a major contribution to its success.

Ken Davis was elected to represent the class at the New York Conference, in March. New York City on St. Patrick's Day. Wow!

This semester will see the elementaries distributed in schools around Worcester and surrounding towns. Fridays should be interesting when everyone starts swapping stories. The secondaries will be getting their first taste of those "words" mentioned earlier.

An interesting editorial appeared in the last issue applaud-

ing the merits of a particular class to the exclusion of all others. Congratulations to the Sophomores for such fine spirit. The Juniors, however, did not take the challenge lightly. One Junior commented, "Our intellectual pursuits have taught us one elementary law: the loudest noises are made by rusty machinery." Although we realize that there are odds already against us, the Juniors accept the challenge. You'll hear more from us in the next issue . . .

Sophs Get Prime Time

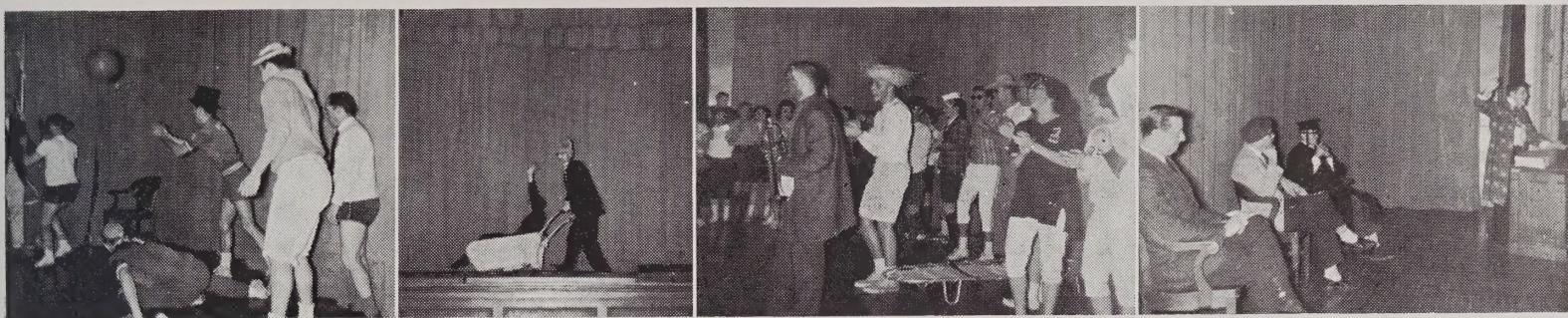
The sophomore class will no longer have to worry about when and where they are going to hold their class meetings. The class meetings, have been given a prime time spot—third hour on Wednesdays in the auditorium at 11:15 a.m.

Clubs Meet February 9th

Next Friday, February 9, has been set aside for the various clubs to hold their monthly meetings. The Acorn has not been notified by any of the clubs of any upcoming meetings, but we are sure many clubs are holding them. We suggest that students check the club bulletin board on the lower level in the old building for any notices pertaining to their club's meeting. We do know the Acorn will hold a meeting of reporters, typists, and proofreaders during this club period.



PUBLICISTS MEET — Getting together for one of their infrequent meetings are the officers of the Students Public Relations Association. Under the guidance of Dean Shea, this organization aims to bring to the public attention the achievements of our students. This year the club has been more successful than, perhaps, any other year. The club officers are from left: Vice-President, Paul Brunelle; Secretary-Treasurer, Frances Ciccarelli; and President, Edward Gallagher.



A YEAR AGO THIS TIME—Approximately 365 days have passed since the skits pictured above were performed on the WSC stage. This sequence of photos shows the various Winter Carnival skits of last year's participating classes. They are from left: juniors, sophomores, freshman, and seniors. The juniors (the now-present senior class) ran away and hid on the competition in this area of the Carnival last year. Whether the semi-complacent seniors will be able to duplicate last year's feat is still a big question mark.

1962 W.C.

by ANN-MARIE BERNIER
of the Acorn Staff

The annual Winter Carnival will be held this year on February 16, 17, and 18. The Carnival festivities will begin during the week of the 12th with each class putting on a 15-minute skit. Class competition will prevail in all areas and a system of points has been worked out according to the worth of the event. The skit will be worth 30 points, with members of the Student Council serving as judges. Points will be given on the basis of originality of theme and its presentation.

Friday night will consist of the inter-class basketball playoffs, a faculty-senior volleyball game, and the presentation of the winning skit. After the athletic events, there will be dancing, and refreshments. The admission is 60 cents per person.

Saturday's activities begin with ping-pong competition between men and women. Co-ed volleyball and basketball also will be held. Perhaps the most exciting event of the afternoon will be the snow sculpturing contest. Each class will have a try at creating its own masterpiece for the 20 points given for this event. Judging of the sculptures will be made by the faculty chaperones for the afternoon. There is no admission fee.

Saturday evening the Winter Carnival Ball is held from 8 to 12. It is a semi-formal affair for couples only. Tickets for this are two-fifty a couple.

Sunday afternoon's jazz concert, beginning at 2 o'clock, is the finale of the week-end. It is open to any student of the college, with a charge of one dollar per person.

Each class has been working diligently to make this year's Carnival the best ever. Do your part—SEE YOU THERE.

MISS SHEA

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to Nassau and has spent a summer at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. The latter trip was made by automobile, which included not only seeing the U.S.A. from East to West, but also traveling along El Camino Real (the King's Highway), the route taken by the Spanish Conquistadores and their missionaries in 1542. Future travel plans of Miss Shea (very much in the future!) include trips to South and Central America, Europe again, and New Zealand (possibly to moon?).

LIKES THEATRE

All types of music and the theatre are a favorite of hers. Miss Shea has studied the piano and various forms of the dance (ballet, tap, toe). She has also appeared in several undergraduate, professional, and club theatrical productions. This versatile lady has even had her own play as an undergraduate — "Stories in Song." She states that the program was not agreeable to some, but those concerned felt it was the very ultimate in the entertainment field. Five months and six pieces of fan mail later, the program had to be given up because of "paternal concern over a low mark in Philosophy."

ACTIVE IN CLUBS

In addition to this very active schedule, Miss Shea is a member of many clubs: Our Lady of the Elms Alumnae Association (former president), Smith College Alumnae Association, Modern Language Association, American Association of University Women, Delta Epsilon Sigma (national honor society for Catholic colleges and universities), and N.E.A.

As one can see, we are very pleased and fortunate to have this attractive and versatile lady as a member of the faculty of Worcester State College.

Winter Carnival Point System

SNOW SCULPTURE

1st—30	2nd—22.5	3rd—15	4th—7.5
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FRIDAY NITE BASKETBALL

1st—20	2nd—15	3rd—10	4th—5
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SATURDAY CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

1st—10	2nd—7.5	3rd—5	4th—2.5
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SKIT

1st—20	2nd—15	3rd—10	4th—5
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SATURDAY BASKETBALL

1st—10	2nd—7.5	3rd—5	4th—2.5
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TABLE TENNIS (Men's singles)

1st—2	2nd—1.5	3rd—1	4th—.5
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(Men's doubles)

1st—3	2nd—2.25	3rd—1.5	4th—.75
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Women's singles and doubles table tennis matches will be scored by the same system used for the men's competition.

Predictions

Soph Jane Mahoney will be more careful when applying first aid to a drowning victim . . . Sen-



SHIRLEY ARLIN

Senior's WC Hope?

ior I. M. Staras will meet Roger Maris during the seniors class trip and will introduce him to all the baseball fans . . . The Winter Carnival will be an even bigger success than last year . . . Frosh George Albro will be a top-notch starter by the close of the hoop season . . . The Soph-Senior Prom will be a FORMAL affair . . . Shirley (Sen. Sec. I) Arlin will lead the senior girls to victory in many of the women's events at the WC . . . Soph John O'Connor will pass a gym exam . . . Steve Kokernak will be engaged by June . . . The junior sec. will enjoy doing units . . . Phil O'Han will transfer his trailer to the college campus in the spring . . . The Acorn will be (vetoed? voted?) the best college newspaper in Mass . . . All members of the senior class will finally attend an assembly . . . Roger Choquette will be re-elected Frosh prexy . . . SSIII will cop the intra-mural basketball title on the strength of Paul Sturgis and Lenny Nase . . . The first annual WSC variety show will be held in March . . .

LANCERS WALLOP NICHOLS; GET EDGED BY R.I.C.E.

by RONALD R. SCHOFIELD
of the Acorn Staff

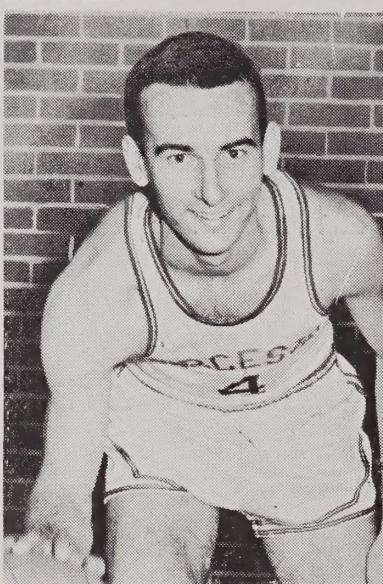
The WSC Lancers split their final two games before the break for mid-year exams. They walloped Nichols College at the WSC gym to the tune of 68-49, and they dropped a heart-breaking decision to R.I.C.E. in Providence by a score of 53-52.

In the Nichols victory, soph. Bob Kulesza was immense. He lead the Lancers scoring with 15 points and held Nichols ace Fred O'Connor to just 6 points while he was guarding him. Jack Clifford's strong board play and the double figure scoring of Clifford, Wally Moroski, and Steve Kokernak were too much for the Webster-Dudley quintet.

However, victory is not always sweet. For in this game, Bob Kulesza injured his left forearm. He was unable to play two nights later against R.I.C.E., and this proved the difference between a loss and a victory.

But, this is no excuse. The Dysonites could have won without his services—but they did not play their usually good game. Maybe they were tired; this was their third game in five nights, including a day-long jaunt to Plymouth, New Hampshire. The taller R.I.C.E. opponents did not look any better than they did when they played the Lancers in our opening game in Worcester—but we looked worse.

Senior center Jack Clifford and frosh backcourt man George Albro stood out for the Lancers in this one point loss. Clifford grabbed a bushel of rebounds and scored 15, while Albro tallied 13. This loss can be traced to the Dysonites inability to hit from the charity line. The score at the half was knotted at 27 apiece.



STEVE KOKERNAK
Sets Torrid Point Pace

Backcourt Bits

Coach Dyson expects his team to jell and hit high gear by the time tournament time rolls around . . . Bob Kulesza found he did not have a broken bone in his left forearm, but it was merely cracked. Kulesza will play with the arm heavily bandaged . . . Junior Steve "Hawk" Kokernak is leading all other Lancers in the scoring department. In fact, Kokernak needs only 105 more points to break the all-time Lancer scoring mark. He, barring unforeseen circumstances, will do that before the season ends . . . Coach Dyson wrote an article for the Worcester *Gazette* telling of the various types of offences he employs with the WSC basketballers . . . Lancers now have a 7-2 record in conference play, while R.I.C.E. has a 10-2 mark. . . .

STATE COLLEGE AT WORCESTER

SCORING

PLAYER'S NAME	GAMES	FG	FT	PT
Kokernak	13	87	24	198
Kulesza	13	58	55	171
Constanzo	13	47	27	121
Moroski	13	46	18	110
Clifford	12	37	28	101
Staiti	13	22	17	61
Albro	12	19	15	53
Collins	13	16	4	36
Melican	12	12	8	32
Bielik	9	4	2	10
Denechaud	5	1	0	2

The "Coolest" Are Wearing Kerchiefs And Handkerchiefs

by CAROLINE CHIRAS
Acorn Fashion Writer

While everybody is twisting, rumors have it, some college men are wearing kerchiefs and using more handkerchiefs. They, of course, are called the "coolest men on campus."

The handkerchief worn in the breastpocket is displayed very casually with the kerchief around the collar. They come in a variety of colors, with dotted, plaids and stripes being predominant. Of course, this fad has not reached a wild craze such as was displayed over the plaid overshirt, but a few examples are on campus.

The main thing to keep in mind when wearing this combo is that the kerchief and handkerchief should blend with your shirt and tie.

Not only have the men been wearing kerchiefs, but the ladies have as well. The kerchief is worn by women in a variety of soft colors and dainty designs with a suit, dress or blouse. Although it is not as popular with the women yet, the kerchief still provides the distaff side with a casual look.

Who knows, maybe the most popular kerchief will be peppermint in color. Watch for the TWIST article in the next Acorn.

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married and the father of two, while Mulcahy is from a family of twelve and became recently engaged.

What kind of a day was it on Tuesday, January 26? Uneventful? Eventful? Only you can answer this question, but whichever the case may be—next time you may be one of the two, not the 998.



S.A.C. — Here we see pictured the officers in our Student Advisory Council. From left, front: President Ann Houlihan and Secretary Marilyn Sawyer; rear: Auditor David Tarkiainen and Vice-President Herb Morrill. The prime purpose of the council is to serve as a link between the student body and the faculty. The council sponsors many of WSC's social events, such as the upcoming Winter Carnival. The faculty advisor of the Student Council is Mr. Eager.